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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR

REF: STATE 032618

1. DCM APPROACHED MFA DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY (FOR JURIDICAL AFFAIRS) MC ILQUHAM SCHMIDT TODAY AND REQUESTED THAT DENMARK PUBLICLY OPPOSE INVITATION TO PRG TO BECOME FULL PARTICIPANT IN CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR. SCHMIDT SAID THAT HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM SINCE IT HAD ARISEN AT LAW OF SEA MEETING IN NEW YORK IN DECEMBER.

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FROM A LEGAL POINT OF VIEW THE POSITION WAS CLEAR:

DENMARK RECOGNIZES THE GVN AND CAN NOT CONCEDE THAT THERE COULD BE TWO GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTING THE SAME TERRITORY. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISSUE OF PRG SEATING WAS LARGELY POLITICAL AND WOULD, HE KNEW, BE DECIDED ON THAT BASIS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION, DCM ADVISED SCHMIDT OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS BEING APPROACHED. SCHMIDT SAID THAT, IN ANY CASE, DENMARK WOULD WANT TO COORDINATE ITS POSITION WITH ITS PARTNERS IN THE EC AND THEN TO TOUCH BASE WITH THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES. HE DID NOT FORESEE THAT DENMARK WOULD TAKE LEAD IN OPPOSING INVITATION TO PRG IN THE ABSENCE OF SIMILAR ACTION BY OTHER WESTERN EUROPEANS. DCM URGED THAT DENMARK RAISE ITS VOICE AGAINST THIS INVITATION IN THE EC CAUCUS AND ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY ON THE ISSUE.

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